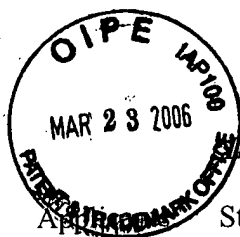


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Title: CASH-SETTLED COMMODITY
FUTURES CONTRACTS

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	60	-	62	=	0	x	\$50.00=	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	8	-	8	=	0	x	\$200.00=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:+							\$360.00=	\$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL=								\$0.00
CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:								\$0.00
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):							\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:								\$0.00

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

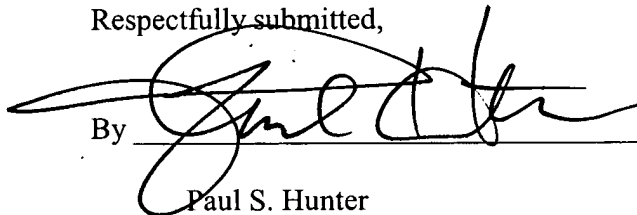
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Respectfully submitted,

By

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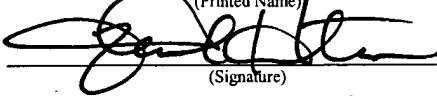
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Examiner:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: